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"THE PRICE OF AMENITY IS ETERNAL VIGILANCE!"

An interesting and very important meeting took place on the evening of Thursday 4 June at Glebe Town Hall. It was called on behalf of the Office of Marine Administration, in pursuance of a Master Plan for the Bays Precinct (Blackwattle and Rozelle Bays) to be administered as part of Sydney Regional Environment Plan (SREP) 26 - City West.

The purpose of the meeting was to ascertain the views of local residents on the proposed developments. The organisers must have got an unpleasant surprise. The number of chairs set out for the audience soon proved to be inadequate and the overwhelming response was very definitely opposed to any development which would disturb the tranquil nature of the bays.

Jane Spring, President of the Sydney University Women's Rowing Club, was the first to draw applause from the audience when she spoke eloquently on behalf of all who

wished to preserve the lacustrine quality of the bays.

Several members of our Management Committee spoke, as did a representative of Sandra Nori's office (as Parliament was sitting, neither Sandra [our local MLA] nor Meredith Burgmann [MLC] could be present). Some Annandale residents also spoke against commercial developments on the foreshores. I was pleased to see that some of our older campaigners such as

"I think the developments proposed under SREP 26 constitute the greatest threat to the amenity of our beloved suburb since the expressway."

Edwina Doe and John Buckingham were there, and at least one member of the local press.*

I am writing this in a house in St Johns Road that I was lucky enough to buy cheaply in 1967 as it was DMR affected. That I am still here I owe, at least in part, to the efforts of The Glebe Society which protested strongly against the proposed expressway. Since then the

Society has been instrumental in preventing, or at least modifying, many developments that it considered detrimental to the interests of residents.

I think the developments proposed under SREP 26 constitute the greatest threat to the amenity of our beloved suburb since the expressway. You can be assured that your committee will be fighting this battle to the end.

There will be a further meeting open to residents before the plan is drawn up. This is expected to be held in the Leichhardt Town Hall on 13 August (tentative date only - residents will be letterboxed). I strongly urge you all to attend. The price of amenity is eternal vigilance!

Ian Edwards

*There was a report of the meeting in the *The Glebe and Inner Western Weekly*, 10 June issue, and the *June Village Voice*, p26.

More information and opinions on the Master Plan for the Bays Precinct - pages 4-5

and still more[!] on Minogue Reserve - pages 6-7

HIGHLIGHTS

from the **GLEBE SOCIETY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**



9 June 1998

Historic Glebe Booklet

Plans are in train to update this, and seek advertisements from Glebe businesses to defray the cost of reprinting. The new edition will be sold for \$5.

Boat Day

Details of the Boat Day will be notified to all Glebe and Annandale Precinct Committees, as well as the Glebe Chamber of Commerce. Booking forms will be included with the July / August Bulletin.

Strategic Planning Meeting

A report is being prepared on the Planning Day held on 23 May; when it is received the Management Committee meeting will prioritise the issues and decide on action.

Light Rail

It appeared likely that there would be provision for better access to Glebe Point Road from the Lower Avon Road stop, especially if the service was extended to Lilyfield. The State Minister for Transport has not yet made a decision on extending the service to Circular Quay.

Subscriptions

It was decided to continue the Society's subscription to the National Trust, the Heritage Houses Trust and *Inner Voice*; other subscriptions would be reviewed.

Artists Studios: 461 - 465 Glebe Point Road

Concern was expressed as to how the artisans now working in this site could remain in Glebe when the site was developed. Discussions will continue.

All correspondence for Society contact people should be sent to:

The Glebe Society Inc Box 100 Glebe 2037

FROM THE PRESIDENT

When I mention Glebe to people who don't live here, just about everyone has been to restaurants in the area. Glebe Point Road is famous for its variety of places to eat, an astonishing range of international cooking - Italian, Thai, Vietnamese, French, Chinese, Greek, Japanese, Indonesian, Korean, Indian - for people wanting to eat cheaply, and those prepared to pay more.

Equally, Glebe Point Road has a variety of shops and other establishments which attract people from everywhere. Much of the liveliness of Glebe Point Road occurs against a background of its many heritage buildings. I gather decisions are still to be made about the project to improve Glebe Point Road. What is important is that the project enhances the character and vitality

which is there already - rather than introducing new and different elements which may detract. It is always tempting, when there is money to spend, to go for the bold gesture.

Ultimately, it is often getting the little things right - having street signs in an attractive style and getting rid of those which detract from the street's character. Similarly, better street furniture, advice for owners and tenants to improve their street presentation, to bring out the best in their buildings and surrounds or, dare I say it, even just to get rid of the rubbish - and stop people putting it there in the first place.

Russell Stewart

THE CHANGING FACE OF GLEBE

LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

The public meeting to discuss the traffic issues in Glebe and the consultants' proposals was very well attended at the gymnasium of St. Scholastica's College. I believe that the major issues of contention were:

- the possibility of a roundabout at the Wigram/Glebe Point Roads intersection, because such a move would be very unfriendly to the considerable pedestrian traffic;
- the direction of the proposed one-way traffic system in Ferry Road and Forsyth Street, currently Down and Up the hill respectively. The idea of the two streets becoming one-way was also questioned, but it seems to me that the proposed scheme would at least share the traffic load;
- whether or not the no-left-turn from Wigram Road, heading towards the city, between 6.30 and 9.30 am should be kept. There were some voices to lift this on Mansfield Street, but I would personally prefer that the no-turn be kept; this not out of selfishness, but to keep the traffic on better roads, Glebe Point and Toxteth, where the sight-lines are much safer. Far too many 'foreign' cars drive through the lanes and side streets as if they were on a freeway. The intersection near Tranby College is an example of a difficult crossing;
- generally the traffic-calming measures seemed to have been well-received, but several of those present were unable to stay to the end to be involved in the work-shops as there was a Precinct 13 meeting that evening, and so I cannot give a total report..

I remind members that there is a proposal in the report to reduce the speed to between 40 and 50 km/h in most of the streets in the municipality.

BI-CENTENNIAL PARK 4WD EXHIBITION

Leichhardt Councillors voted on the voices without dissent to *not* permit the proposed 4WD exhibition in Bi-Centennial Park at Glebe Point in mid-August. I understand that the councillors believed that to allow such an event would set a precedent, apart from the issue that the majority of the park would be fenced off for nine days.



HAMILTON/THE ABBEY/REUSSDALE

The public meeting about the future of the Hamilton/The Abbey/Reussdale site, 156-160 Bridge Road was well attended, but we saw only the proposal for the residential possibility, and there were no details of the convention centre proposal, hence it was difficult to make a comparison. The residential development would leave The Abbey unchanged externally, with Reussdale fully restored but would mean that Hamilton would be demolished. The Convention Centre would require the same, except that Hamilton would have to be retained and restored. I know that the NSW Heritage Council favours the latter plan, and I am now inclined to that view.

Several of the complaints at the meeting were concerned with the process, e.g. that nearby residents had not been informed about the meeting, etc, etc. I made the point that the increase in traffic resulting from either of the two proposals would be fairly insignificant, given the current traffic volume on Bridge Road (over 20,000 vehicles per day on week days).

THE FORMER ROYAL ALEXANDRIA HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN (CAMPERDOWN)

Of much more concern will be the former Children's Hospital site on Bridge Road which will be likely to generate some 40 times the potential car traffic than The Abbey site (discussed above). The former hospital still does not have a buyer, but as one of the largest inner-west sites still available, it will certainly be a much greater issue.

John Hoddinott

Residents are invited to write to:
The General Manager
Leichhardt Council
PO Box 45 Leichhardt 2040
with their views on any of
the above matters
- or to:
The Glebe Society
Box 100 PO Glebe 2037

SYDNEY REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN No 26 - CITY WEST

WATERFRONT USE ZONE OBJECTIVES

- To provide for development of water-based commercial and recreational activities, including facilities for the servicing, mooring, launching and storage of boats.
- To allow a range of commercial maritime facilities (such as boating industry facilities, tourism, marinas and waterfront service operations) which will take advantage of the harbour location.
- To provide public access within and across the zone, to facilitate the extension of the Ultimo-Pyrmont promenade and link with public access networks surrounding the Precinct.
- To create, retain, and enhance views and links between Wentworth Park and the foreshores of Blackwattle Bay.

Restaurants may kill for our menu!

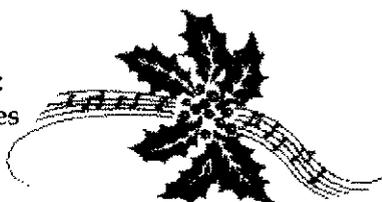
Does smoked trout pâté tempt your taste buds? Or do you prefer hot mushrooms en croute? How about some mulled red wine to warm you on a chilly night? These will be followed by a feast of traditional Yuletide meats and accompaniments, and a choice of two delicious puddings.

Naturally these fine foods are accompanied by white and red wine especially chosen by our President for the evening.

The Glebe Society reminds you that there are a few places left for the Yuletide Progressive Dinner on Saturday July 4, our major fundraiser for the year (see insert last Bulletin). Tickets are \$45 - remember the funds raised are channelled back into the community.

So come and enjoy the wine and food, but book **NOW**.

Enquiries to:
Cynthia Jones
9660. 2451



BAYS PRECINCT - PUBLIC MEETING

I have two concerns regarding the recent very well attended public meeting at Glebe Town Hall:

- 1) At the first Stakeholders Workshop held on 21 May (see May/June Bulletin, p5), it was clearly stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss how this State Government-controlled or owned land should be redeveloped at private expense, with a long-term lease being handed to the developer(s) in exchange.

At the second meeting on 4 June, there was no mention by the stakeholders of this issue; participants were not able to address the matter and hence, in my view, the meeting was conducted in a type of vacuum.

- 2) It should be remembered that the maritime industry has considerable influence with those who decide the future of Rozelle and Blackwattle Bays.

Incidentally, there was a call at the first meeting for the maritime industry spokesmen (and I mean men) to come in large numbers to essentially 'stack' the next meeting. Well, I don't think they realise that Glebe residents can be counted on to take an active interest in what happens in their area. As it turned out, at the June meeting, we *outnumbered* the stakeholders about 10:1, with a total attendance approaching 200.

All the seven areas defined in the Regional Environmental Plan 26 are within the electorate of our State member, Ms Sandra Nori, MLA. She would appreciate comments to her office, 225 Broadway, 2007.

A small group from The Glebe Society will be meeting Sandra soon to discuss this matter in more detail.

John Hoddinott

BAYS FORESHORE STUDY - CONSULTANTS TO ADVISE ON LAND USE

More than 160 people (according to the man who put out the chairs) attended the 4 June public meeting organised by Leichhardt Council to enable residents to "Have Your Say" on waterfront land developments in Rozelle and Blackwattle Bays.

Acoustics of the hall made it difficult for those at the back, including the writer, to hear properly everything that was said. Certainly there was no doubt the general tone of the meeting strongly favoured types of development that fit easily with the Glebe Society's Bays and Foreshores Policy.

In the current climate of multi-point action plans, a series of issues suggested by a representative from the Sydney Maritime Museum drew rousing cheers from the hall.

- keep the old Glebe Island Bridge;
- keep the Maritime Museum;
- allow only 'passive boating';
- existing tenants to stay.

The reaction was strong enough to change the minds of at least two people sitting near me. With an exchange of glances, they packed their folders of carefully detailed plans for particular bayside development options and left the hall without bothering to speak.

This incident raised my concern.

There is no doubt their ideas and those of others who have an interest in gaining waterfront access, while not expressed at the Glebe meeting, will find a forum. When they do, it may well be a meeting with key decision makers, more sympathetic to their cause.

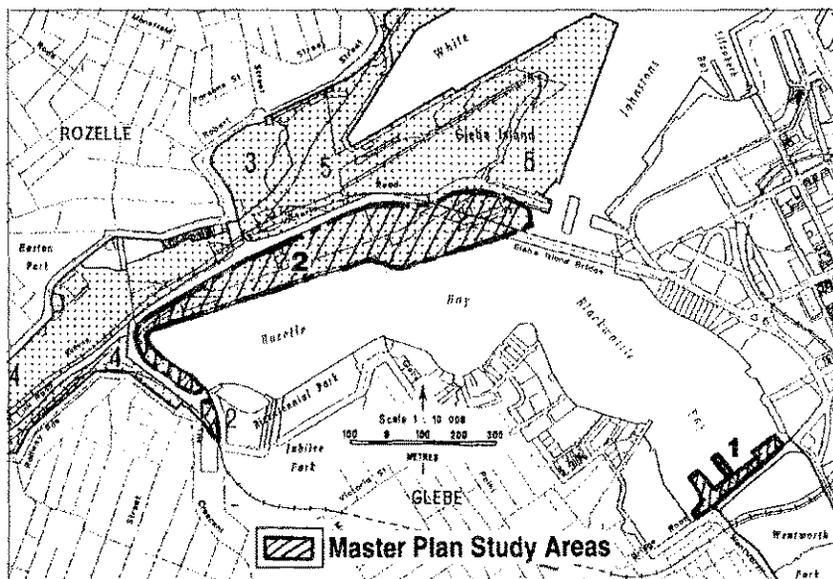
A remark from the representative of wharf building contractors, who occupy several sites around the bays, put into focus the basis of my fears for what will finally be approved for the Rozelle Bay foreshore. These contractors frankly acknowledged to the meeting that their plant and equipment is very unattractive.

Pleading their case, a spokesman said they believe the two study areas concerned are the "last vestiges" of harbour foreshore available to them. They were not wanted anywhere else. And this is my fear. That we will have foisted upon us, what nobody else will have on their foreshore.

We must recognise this as an indication of the fight that lies ahead. A battle against the desperation of people with no other place to go.

These 'other interests' will argue that their function is vital to the commercial operation of the harbour and, therefore, important to fully develop tourism. The whiff of the Olympics will be in their story. Compelling stuff with all the right buzzwords to capture the minds of those who report to government.

Interests other than residents had high representation at an earlier consultative meeting to consider the bay foreshore possibilities. The only hope to realise residents' wishes is to have proper community input at all future discussions.



The two development areas which are to be considered by the consultants. They are required to look at the complete range of proposals put forward by all sectors of the community and then make their recommendations.

SUSPICIOUS SIGNS

At the public meeting we were urged to give names and addresses to the consultants, so they could mail us a copy of the minutes. Three weeks later there's been no sign of them in my mailbox, nor for anyone else who attended.

Is it going to be another case of a Clayton's public consultation?

The glib patter of a facilitator. Lots of chest thumping on the night. The outcome exactly what the powers-that-be wanted in the first place. The relevant politician able to point to broad public consultation during the decision-making process.

Sydney Regional Environmental Plan No. 26 - City West, Waterfront Use Zones, has four objectives [see p4], all of which heighten disquiet.

The meeting was bemused when told by the consultants that Glebe Island Bridge was not in its area of consideration. Questioners couldn't understand how sensible landuse decisions could be made without first knowing the fate of the bridge.

NOT ALL DOOM AND GLOOM?

There were some positives.

Most importantly, an assurance from State Government official, Matt Taylor, that plans for the 500-berth marina in Rozelle Bay are dead. Maybe just a little one?

Consultant, Phil Witts, believes Pioneer Concrete's plans for a wharf and mixing plant under the new Glebe Island Bridge won't proceed. Where then, will the new ship run?

The people of this area have a vision for the bays which does not coincide with the plans of others.

Collin Hills, Glebe resident

MINOGUE RESERVE ? ...

It was only a tiny space and one that was hidden to most passers-by on Glebe Point Road, but Minogue Reserve was, according to Councillor Neil Macindoe "one of the most used parks in the Municipality". With the opening of The Broadway Centre, it was meant to become a showpiece for the community. An example of how corporate largesse could make up for the concessions given to developers by local authorities. A new auditorium (which is a welcome addition) and an enlarged public space were going to enliven further the Broadway end of Glebe Point Road.

Most people watching the space during the development process assumed that the postage stamp of Minogue Reserve would expand into a large green sward, they imagined trees growing to maturity in a park which was a crossroads between the old and the new. A lively hub for locals and visitors. Dream on!

What actually happened, and how, has so outraged the local citizenry that the General Manager of Leichhardt Council is still preparing his report to Council. Comments have ranged from "unusable" to "vandalism" and "ideology gone mad". A Council staff member threatened legal action against an enraged Councillor. The Council has now convened an advisory committee to try to make useable what surely must be one of the ugliest public spaces ever created in this city.

Although there have been plenty of nominations, no one is willing to be the scapegoat for what happened. Half of the old grassed area was removed and the entire new space of about one hectare was covered in asphalt, removing a mature fig tree in the process. The space is now dominated by an ugly ramp, somehow approved by Leichhardt Council staff, which directs foot traffic to the Food Court at the top of the Centre. Alongside this ramp are three steel structures bearing garish plastic figures and strange objects representing very little at all. Looming in the background is the enormous bulk of the development itself. To encourage us to ignore its substantiality, it has been painted bright orange and yellow (that's the "sounds crazy but it just might work" theory of camouflage). Two steel 'stalls' stand enigmatically at the edges of the space that is defined by the surrounding buildings rather than having any formally designed border. So far, the only objects interrupting the aridity of this 'plaza' are the shopping trolleys rolled down the bitumen steps by bored children. An acquaintance suggested that it was a perfect place for smashing bottles. It certainly suggests violence and alienation in its present form.

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The best 'art' so far is some graffiti written under one of the plastic objects that looks vaguely like a face drawn on a pot. It says "boil your head".

The developers (Walker Corporation/Broadway Australia), have a different view. At community meetings held since the Centre opened, their spokesperson, Brad Roberts, has said that there was plenty of community consultation about the space, and that many people like it ... but also that it wasn't their preferred plan anyway. But there is little doubt that the frantic efforts of Broadway Australia to have the space ready for the March opening did not help to prevent the unhappy outcome. According to Roberts, Council approved the bitumen because it was better for disabled access. While it matters a lot that we can trust the Council to make the right decisions, or to protect us against bad plans by developers, the pitch from Council and Broadway Australia is that we must look ahead to what we can do now and if we can afford to do it. Rumour is that even Broadway Australia is not happy, but will they put their hands in their pockets for a makeover of the space? Don't hold your breath.

The sad thing for locals is that they had a plan for Minogue Reserve on the drawing board for almost ten years. Fiona Campbell and others had promoted a plan for a green space to Council as part of the original Glebe Point Road Project. Despite this, short term objectives prevailed. The fact is that the plan that was implemented was not advertised to the general community. It was assumed to have been covered by the approval for the development. But the Reserve is public - not private - space and approval should not have been seen as just an addendum to the Broadway development proposal.

Minogue Reserve, which could have been a conduit for people moving more efficiently from Glebe Point Road to the mid-level of The Broadway Shopping Centre and back again, is a nowhere land, too big for the intimacy that characterised the old park, and inhabited by objects that advertise the Centre but intimidate the individual. The developer has designed this Centre, like many others, so that it draws people inwards only, and does not connect with the surrounding built environment.

The space in Minogue Reserve is a reflection of that 'mall' philosophy. Rather than providing easy entry and egress from the centre for pedestrians, who are a vital part of the Glebe Point Road precinct, it directs them, via the ramp and the objects which cluster around it, to the top of the Centre. From there they

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THAT 'BRUTAL SPACE' ... RESIDENTS HAVE THEIR SAY ON MINOGUE

Alison McKeown, from the Society's Management Committee, attended the June Community Workshop on Minogue Reserve and reported as follows:

At the end of May Leichhardt Council distributed six thousand leaflets to advise residents of a Community Workshop to be held on 2 June to further develop a plan of management for Minogue Reserve. Workshop aims were: to include the community, to seek its help in defining the Reserve's existing and desired future character, and to discuss cultural aspects relevant to the area.

A professional facilitator led the Workshop which, given the strong emotions and community opinion regarding Minogue Reserve's current sorry state, was helpful.

The following points were made by participants:

- the Reserve had been reduced to a remnant bit of grass, a lot of bitumen and a purpose confined to parking of shopping trolleys;
- the newly arrived sculptures were controversial;
- night lighting for the area was inadequate and unsafe, leading to the area being described by one participant as "a brutal space";
- the former passive open space was highly valued, it was now full of 'stuff' and walled in by buildings, and a request was made for the Reserve's conviviality, plainness and restfulness to be restored;

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must pass, virtually, every shop in the Centre before they get to the supermarkets at the lower level. To exit (if they don't want to dodge cars) they must return to the upper level via the same circuitous route and down the ramp. At no stage do they need to enter Minogue Reserve.

Clearly, from the advertising pitch of The Broadway Shopping Centre, pedestrian amenity is a minor consideration. The local newspaper ads remind shoppers of the Centre's abundant parking. That does not augur well for the future of that end of Glebe Point Road. Shopkeepers, particularly those competing with the Centre, are suffering. The danger is that these shops will wither and, if there is no one to take over from them, the street will become as cold and unattractive as the new Minogue Reserve. That is why it is essential to integrate the new Centre with Glebe Point Road. The reworking of Minogue Reserve must be an integral part of that process. It might also be possible to connect the Centre more directly with Glebe Point Road via the Reserve - but that will depend on Broadway Australia.

Peter Wright
[member of Leichhardt Council's
Glebe Point Road Steering Committee
and Convenor Glebe Precinct 14]

- a resident of the immediate neighbourhood commented on the stresses in the area, and said there was a need for the Reserve to ameliorate tension, rather than add to it;
- many buildings surrounding the Reserve are characteristic of 'old Glebe', but the Reserve's current presentation and relationship is now at odds with the setting;
- noise attenuation from events to be held in the Reserve, and from inside and outside the auditorium was a concern; similarly noise emitted by The Shopping Centre's air conditioning;
- requests were made for cover over the Francis Street footpath to provide protection in wet weather;
- the sculptures (both steel and fibreglass) were seen as hard edged and ungracious. The sculptor of "The lovers" was not pleased at the location of that work;
- the ramp was seen as problematic.

As readers will have deduced, the community requests that a lot of remedial work be done on Minogue Reserve. Both Leichhardt Council and The Broadway Shopping Centre may be able to provide the necessary funds. The Centre's community contribution of a new auditorium with its sprung sports floor is eagerly awaited by the 500-strong Glebe basketballers, who were advised that access would be available in about four weeks' time.

Council is preparing a "plan of management, design and use" draft document which will be available for public comment in 28 days; if adopted it will become the Management Plan for the next five years or so. It is pleasing to hear that Matthew Taylor (of the Glebe Point Road Main Street Study) is to be involved. A Council noticeboard on site will keep residents informed.

Councillor Neil Macindoe undertook to request that noise studies be done, and reminded participants that Council wanted to close Francis Street and intended that it be 'greened up'. Meanwhile the Council is continuing with its community consultations on the area and is actively working to obtain a good result.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO HAVE YOUR SAY ...

Complete the survey which was included in the last issue of The Bulletin and return to:

Leichhardt Municipal Council

PO Box 45, Leichhardt 2040

Additional forms and further information
available from

Council's Landscape Co-ordinator:

Vince Caccavo - phone 9367. 9007
during business hours.

WALTZING



Patrick McLoughlin, manager of Rocket Ferries for Matilda Cruises, has made available to The Glebe Society one of their *Jillian* ferries to make a slow tour of Blackwattle and Rozelle Bays, with visits to the Aquarium wharf at Darling Harbour, and to Circular Quay. The cost to the Society will not even cover the ferry's running costs, so I think we should be grateful for this opportunity to look at our foreshores, and realise how lucky we are to have been spared some of the ugly and polluting developments that have afflicted other less fortunate parts of the foreshores of Sydney Harbour and the Parramatta River. Cost for the trip will be \$5 per person, or \$15 per family.

Another consideration is that with the inevitable increase in the populations of Pymont and Glebe under the Government's policy of urban consolidation - even with the extension of the Light Rail to Glebe and what the Minister for Transport is pleased to call our adequate bus service - we will need to revive the ferry service that used to run from Glebe Point to the CBD. The present State Government is not prepared to provide such a service, but Matilda Cruises is interested once it becomes commercially viable. Our outing in September will provide an opportunity both for Matilda Cruises to show their wares and for local residents to experience the kind of service they are likely to get.

As the boatshed at the bottom of Ferry Road is no longer available to us, we will be leaving from Peter Manetta's Fisherman's Wharf at the Fish Markets (by courtesy of the lessee, Peter Zanty) at 10.30 am on Sunday 13 September, and returning to the wharf at 12 noon. Being the second Sunday of the month, our usual day for Sunday lunch, some of us will be staying on for lunch at the Fishmarkets, but no bookings will be made.

Management Committee member Marianne von Knobelsdorff and I made a thorough investigation of the parking situation, as a result of which we would recommend that, if at all possible, you should leave the car at home. Parking costs \$2 for the first two hours, but \$10 for any subsequent hour or part thereof; that is, if you are lucky enough to find a space.

The *Jillian* class ferries have seating under cover for only 75 passengers so, allowing for the possibility of rain, we have decided to limit acceptances to 80 people. We will all have the opportunity, as will members of the Glebe Chamber of Commerce and residents of Annandale, to take advantage of this unique offer when booking forms are sent out with the July / August Bulletin.

Ian Edwards

THE POLICE WITNESS WATCH PROGRAMME

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

In Goulburn nearly eight years ago, a programme was developed by senior police and local volunteers aimed at easing the tension of attending Court as a witness for the prosecution.

Soon after, this very successful programme was launched at the Coroner's Court on Parramatta Road to enlist volunteers for the Bidura Children's Court in Glebe, and twenty or twenty five adults took part in a one day introductory session on court procedures, and attended several follow-up meetings. Ill health, job changes and moves far out of Glebe have gradually reduced our volunteer numbers at Glebe from fifteen or more to five or six.

Although the future location of Bidura Court is unknown at present, we hope warm-hearted residents may feel like offering their support - one day a week, or even one day a month would be much appreciated. We meet every two months to fill in the new roster, and would welcome fresh support. A pleasant room is provided to give witnesses privacy, and for the police involved in the case to have discussions together. Funds for tea and coffee etc. are provided by Glebe Police Station.

Senior Sgt. Terry Flinders, Senior Prosecutor at Glebe Police Station, and Superintendent Ron Everingham will arrange a Welcome to Bidura Day so that new volunteers can meet Prosecution and Court Staff, and will conduct a brief and friendly discussion of Court procedures and the valued role of a Witness Watch Volunteer.

If you are interested, please contact:

Katherine Buck - 9660. 2879
or Nan Coulson - 9660. 6596

TO THE GALLERY BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT



A bus service has been reinstated to the Art Gallery of NSW - it's the 441 Birchgrove Service travelling to and from the city on the very edge of Glebe.

City bound the service travels along Mullens Street, turns left into Victoria Road at White Bay, proceeds over Glebe Island Bridge then to Queen Victoria Building (York Street bus stops) and so on to the Gallery.

The return service comes through the CBD along Market Street. Weekdays the Gallery service commences at 9.40 am from Birchgrove, running at 20 minute intervals thereafter. The final return service leaves the Gallery at 5.02 pm.

Weekend services leave Birchgrove for the Gallery twice per hour at 9.52 am, 10.22 am, 10.52am and so on, with the last return service leaving the Gallery at 5.12 pm.

A pleasant walk through Glebe's Bi-Centennial Park or, alternatively, the 433 bus will get you to White Bay. We were impressed with the 441's hassle-free gallery access.

Alison McKeown

A THING THAT WENT *thump* IN THE NIGHT

At about 6 pm on Saturday 16th May I had a phone call from Cr Macindoe asking whether the Leichhardt Council Traffic Committee had discussed a street party in Glebe Point Road at night, as he had been informed by a Glebe resident that one was underway. I assured the Councillor that as far as I knew nothing had been discussed, let alone recommended; the final approval lies with the full Council meeting, too, as the Committee can only make recommendations.

As it happened we were to visit a restaurant in the area that evening so I was able to see (and feel) the event at first hand, as may have also happened to other members. Earlier in the evening a group called "Reclaim the Streets" held a march from Belmore Park, near Central Station to, as it turned out, the Broadway end of Glebe Point Road. The aim of the march was to rid the city of cars, as I understand. Their ever so eloquent message was spelt out on a sign - **OIL INDUSTRY POISONS YOU.**

Somehow they had managed to block off the road at Broadway and Mitchell Street with barricades from South Sydney City Council and Sydney City Council mainly, although I did see one marked LMC. Their action seemed to have caught the police by surprise, as it did everyone else, and I spoke to some of the officers there who were patrolling the area in considerable numbers. It was their decision to let it run its course, but to encourage it packing up as soon as possible.

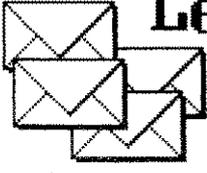
In the event this was probably the best solution. Two sound stages, both powered by portable generators (both of them using products from the poisonous oil industry), belted out thumping music and the good-natured crowd danced or sat on pieces of carpet or old sofas in the road. The stages were either side of Glebe Public School. Anyone who would have looked for an absence of hair gel, let alone plastic, would have been disappointed. When the party closed up about 11pm, I would have expected the equipment to be taken away on peoples' backs, but no. A couple of vans arrived (using industry products) to pack away the huge speakers, etc, etc. There was even at least one food stall, which shows that the whole episode was well-planned, while unknown to almost everyone. Perhaps the sign should have said - **OIL INDUSTRY POISONS YOU BUT NOT US.**

I am sure that the police will keep an eye open when the next "Reclaim the Streets" event is advertised. I imagine that the bus service was diverted down Derwent Street, and it was just as well that there were no emergency vehicle movements required in that area (as far as I know). I found the whole thing very selfish, as it had not been permitted by any authority. Council will consider a well-planned street fair during the day, but I believe that it stops short of approving night events, particularly one that would create so much noise and disruption. Anyway our meal was accompanied by the noisy *thump* which did not help the digestion. I will raise this matter at the next Traffic Committee meeting. I am sure that the police had better things to do on a Saturday night.

I will give the organisers one thing; the next day the garbage was left in dozens of hessian (i.e. non-plastic) bags outside the Public School. But this was yet another unplanned and unpaid-for load on Council's garbage collection services.

John Hoddinott

Letters to the Editor



Dear Madam,

In 1974 Glebe was listed as a Conservation Area by the National Trust. This implies that Council should support the constraints on housing construction and the repair of sympathetic public works. One small but visible sign of the period being conserved in Glebe is the sandstone kerbs.

These kerbs are gradually disappearing as Council undertakes repairs or modifications, such as those at corners to allow wheelchair and pram access.

I think Council should purchase, for say, a trial period of five years, a supply of replacement sandstone kerbing - an achievable figure is \$10,000 of kerbing per year. This would not be all new expense, as the sandstone would be substituted for the cement currently used. Such a modest investment by Council in the Glebe Conservation Area would go a long way to turning around the gradual disappearance of the original stone guttering.

Yours truly,
Ian S.F. Jones
Past Chairman
Glebe Point Road Project



Dear Editor,

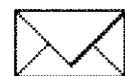
I refer to the article on page one of your May/June Bulletin. Glebe was not considered a slum in 1968.

There were, of course, a number of boarding houses which were reasonably well kept. The boarding houses had existed from at least the 1930s when many immigrants, principally from Britain and Ireland, came to live in Glebe.

Renovation of the houses may have been unusual in 1968 but the houses were maintained and the streets much cleaner than the present time. There was always a strong community spirit in Glebe.

I am surprised the Glebe Society has not taken up the challenge of the very high council rates which are levied, a higher priority than the use of the park.

Yours faithfully,
Maryellen McColm



Your letters on any matters relating
to Glebe are very welcome. Ed.

Notice Board

The Glebe Chamber of Commerce
invites two members of
The Glebe Society to its

**Inaugural Golf Day
Monday 29 June 1998
at Moore Park Golf Club
cnr. Cleveland Street
and Anzac Parade, Moore Park**

Tee off at 8.00 am, and afterwards lunch
at the Club. Fees will be applicable for
hire of clubs, shoes, etc.

**Please advise Gay Kalnins, 9552.1546 if
you would like to accept this invitation.**

The Glebe Association
for the Arts presents



THE GLEBE ART SHOW 1998

Exhibition of works will run
from

Saturday 11 July to
Sunday 19 July
from 11am - 6 pm

at **BENLEDI**
186 Glebe Point Road

Open Art Prize \$1000
People's Prize \$250

Further information from:
Robin Lawrence 9660.8036

BINGO!



every Thursday at 1 pm

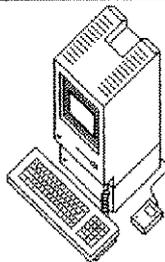
Victoria Alice Lamkin Centre
2a Hereford Street Glebe
just behind the Valhalla Cinema
More information 9660.4077

SUNDAY LUNCH

The July Sunday Lunch
will be at

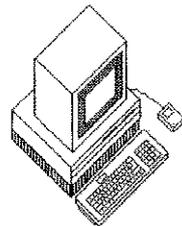
 **COLORS**
2 Glebe Point Road
at 12.30 on 12 July
Licenced and BYO -
Credit cards

Restaurants open for lunch
on Sundays are getting
harder to find.
Suggestions would be
appreciated.
Please ring Ian Edwards
on 9660.3240.



GLEBE PRIMARY SCHOOL IS ON THE INTERNET!

Glebe Primary School, with
new IBM computers supplied
through the Computers in
Schools Policy
of the Department of
Education and Training,
now has a computer room
and has set up a website. It
includes information about
the school, and will allow
students to publish their work and make
contact with other schools around the
world.



Their website is at
www.com.au/~d7419pn1/
Check it out next time you are near an
internet computer.

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ERRATA

As you will now know, the new garbage service
from Leichhardt Council starts in August, not
July, as stated in the last Bulletin.

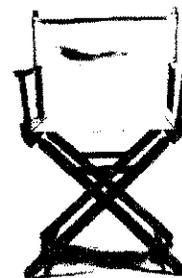
For Your Diary ...

Monday	29 June	Inaugural Golf Day (see Noticeboard) Glebe Chamber of Commerce
Saturday	4 July	Yuletide (in July) Progressive Dinner (see p4)
Friday	10 July	The Glebe Art Show 1998 opens at Benledi, Glebe Library (see Noticeboard)
Sunday	12 July	Society Lunch - all welcome 12.30 - Colors, 2 Glebe Point Road
Tuesday	14 July	Glebe Society Management Committee Meeting 7.30 - Toxteth Hotel Meeting Room
Thursday	16 July	Storytime for School Age Kids 11 am Glebe Library
Tuesday	21 July deadline Bulletin copy
Tuesday	28 July	Leichhardt Council Meeting 7.00 - Council Chambers

ADVANCE NOTICE

Thursday	13 August	Bays and Foreshores Meeting (tentative date) Leichhardt Town Hall (see reports pp1, 4-5)
Sunday	13 September	Boat and Picnic Day Blackwattle Bay Park (see report p8)

The Glebe Society Inc



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Ordinary	\$30
Concession:	
Student/Pensioner	\$15
Institution	\$30

Write to Box 100 PO Glebe 2037
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If you have a matter that you would like to discuss with the Management Committee, please ring the Secretary, Christine Stewart on 9660. 8324, and arrange to come to a meeting.

GLEBE PRECINCT MEETINGS

Precinct 12 - Forest Lodge:
Contact - Anthony Nicholson: 9660. 4393

Precinct 13 - Glebe Point:
Contact - Christine Newton: 9660. 8349

Combined Meeting Precincts 12 and 13
1st Wednesday each month - 7 pm

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Contact: Peter Wright: 9566.2018
Meets 4th Sunday each month - 10.00 am

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GLEBE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Glebe Chamber of Commerce meets on the last Wednesday of each month, at the meeting room in the Toxteth Hotel.

If there is any matter you would like to bring before the Chamber, you are invited to contact:

Gay Kalnins (Secretary)
ph: 9552. 1546; fax: 9552. 1714

and arrange to come to a meeting.

DEADLINE

for copy for the
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